

**DEXTER VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2014**

A. CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 PM by President Keough at the Dexter Senior Center located at 7720 Ann Arbor Street in Dexter, Michigan.

B. ROLL CALL: President Keough

J. Carson

P. Cousins

D. Fisher

J. Knight

J. Semifero

R. Tell

Also present: Donna Dettling, Village Manager; Courtney Nicholls, Assistant Village Manager; Michelle Aniol, Community Development Manager; Carol Jones, Village Clerk; Dan Schlaff, Public Services Superintendent; Patrick Droze, Orchard, Hiltz and McCliment; residents and media.

C. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

1. Regular Council Meeting – January 27, 2014

Motion Knight; support Cousins to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of January 27, 2014 as presented.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

D. PREARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

E. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Motion Cousins; support Fisher to approve as agenda with an additional item under New Business L-1 – Franchise Agreement Request.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

F. PUBLIC HEARINGS

Action on each public hearing will be taken immediately following the close of the hearing

None

G. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

Jim McCargar of 3580 Hudson, Dexter relayed belated kudos on the new sidewalks constructed last year. He owns property on the corner of Hudson and Second Streets. He was pleased with the outcome and the involvement of the Village Council members and the construction staff. In particular he stated that Dan Schlaff went well above the call in service to the community and that he was very satisfied with the result.

H. COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Upcoming Meeting List
2. Sign Calendar

I. REPORTS

1. Public Services Superintendent – Dan Schlaff

Mr. Schlaff submits his progress report of the DPW and Water/Sewer per packet. Mr. Schlaff gave the following updates:

- Sludge - It will be a week to two weeks before we can start up the primary digester.
- Last week there were four frozen water lines beneath the roads. Called Cribley as they have a steamer and can shoot hot water to thaw the lines. There is about five feet of frost under the roads. The cost was about \$8,300 to handle this problem.
- Have been focusing on pushing the snow back and opening up the street lanes. Will be working on removing the snow piles from the street corners.

2. Community Development Manager – Michelle Aniol

Ms. Aniol submits her report as per packet. Ms. Aniol gave the following verbal updates:

- 8059 Main Street – received their application last Thursday and have given an approval with two minor issues to address.
- Victoria Commons – trying to get all of the partners on the same page. If they modify this will back them up on approvals as they would need a new public hearing. Discussion followed on the site plan issues.
- Northern United Brewing - their application for the tasting room just came in this evening.
- Arbor Day – Tree Board will be meeting on February 11 at 3 PM to discuss this.
- ZBA Training – will be held on Wednesday, February 26 and another session will be held on March 5 in the afternoon.
- State House Tax Policy Committee – will be following this issue regarding DDA's and tax capture.

3. Boards, Commissions. & Other Reports-“Bi-annual or as needed”

None

4. Subcommittee Reports -None

Economic Preparedness

Facilities

Roads

Utility

Website

5. Village Manager Report

Mrs. Dettling submits her report as per packet. Mrs. Dettling gave the following verbal updates:

- Looking at the April agenda for the dedication of Dexter Crossings 6,7 & 8. Also looking to get more details on this agreement with Peters Building.
- OHM Update Meeting on February 7 – Dexter Community Schools talked to the group on safe routes to school. They had suggestions for improvements on Baker Road and a way to get a rapid flashing beacon at Kensington. The biggest issue seems to be the maintenance of the sidewalks by the cemetery. Will have more details at the next meeting.
- Dan Hoey Barn – getting a property description to do the land division with closing in mid March.
- LED lights – still haven’t heard if Sylvania will cover the replacement costs.
- 3045 Broad Street – received the demo permit from the county and building (except Dancer’s Edge) should come down at the end of the week or the beginning of next week.
- 2nd Budget Workshop – looking to change the date from May 14 to May 13.
- Patrick Droze provided information on the 2014 MDOT project and a discussion followed on how to handle this.

6. President’s Report

Mr. Keough submits his report as per packet. In addition Mr. Keough reported on the following:

- Received a call and email regarding snow being plowed back into a driveway on a non-snow day. Mr. Schlaff gave an explanation as to the need for additional plowing when the snow begins to melt.

J. CONSENT AGENDA

1. Consideration of: Bills and Payroll in the amount of \$150,309.91

Motion Fisher; support Carson to approve item 1 of the Consent Agenda.

Unanimous voice vote for approval

K. OLD BUSINESS-Consideration and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Cityhood Next Steps-Charter Commission Update

Ms. Nicholls reported that a letter has been sent to the Attorney General in regards to having the Dexter Charter reviewed in time to be on the November ballot. The Attorney General responded that they will try to honor the proposed timeline.

L. NEW BUSINESS-Consideration of and Discussion of:

1. Discussion of: Franchise Agreement with AT&T

Ms. Nicholls gave an update on the AT&T franchise process. Discussion followed regarding the agreement with AT&T

2. Discussion of: Request for Engineering Study for Possible Connection of Huron Farms to the Border to Border Trail

Mrs. Dettling reported that she is looking for feedback from Council on the engineering study request and that it may be difficult to get the \$5000 needed into the current budget.

Patrick Droze responded to a question as to how MDOT would feel about this request. They have stated if the Village wishes another crossing opened, they would have to close one (Broad Street). They would be looking into the liability if sidewalks approach the property and we would probably see an eight foot fence along the area. The cost to provide an elevated crossing is significant.

3. Discussion of: Border to Border Trail Connection to Central Street

Mrs. Dettling mention the previous easement with Norfolk Southern that was thought to be a permanent easement but turned out to be only a construction easement. Will be working on a permanent easement for the property.

Mr. Droze reported that MDOT has approved the concept presented but it is not optimal. The next step with MDOT is to prepare the easement documents. We may need to relook at the path location and come out of the trail at the Mast Road bridge. Also looking at the Hafner property easement. Will look to get an estimate to come along behind the DPW and follow the river and other options that we would like to county to explore.

M. COUNCIL COMMENTS

Carson	None
Tell	None
Knight	None
Jones	Maybe we should relocate the snow piles to the old DAPCO site when the building comes down.
Semifero	None
Fisher	None
Cousins	None

N. NON-ARRANGED PARTICIPATION

None

O. ADJOURNMENT

Motion Fisher; support Carson to adjourn at 9:07 PM

Unanimous voice vote for approval

Respectfully submitted,

Carol J. Jones
Clerk, Village of Dexter

Approved for Filing: February 24, 2014